



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| Gary A. Carson et al. |) | |
| Serial No.: Unknown |) | Group Art Unit: |
| division of U.S.S.N 08/261,308 |) | <i>7/B</i> |
| Filed: Herewith (10-25-95) |) | Examiner: |
| For: HOLLOW FIBER EXCHANGERS AND |) | <i>J. S.</i> |
| EFFICIENT METHODS OF |) | |
| MANUFACTURING THEM |) | |
| (AS AMENDED HEREIN) |) | <i>3/20/96</i> |

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the current title with --HOLLOW FIBER EXCHANGERS AND EFFICIENT METHODS OF MANUFACTURING THEM--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add new claims 25-40 as set forth below:

--25. A method of constructing exchangers to maximize interchangeability of parts, each exchanger including a bundle of hollow fibers located within a tubular outer casing, a central core around which the bundle is arranged, and at least one end cap on an end of the tubular outer casing, the method comprising the steps of:

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